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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE, ELIZABETH TISDALE

REF: STATE 75830

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SENATOR JAVITS FROM
AMBASSADOR MARTIN:

RESPONDING IMMEDIATELY, AS ALWAYS, TO A REQUEST
FROM YOU, I LOOKED INTO THE MATTER OF THE AN LOC ORPHANAGE
IN WHICH MRS. ELIZABETH TISDALE IS INTERESTED. I FIND
THAT AID ADVISES THAT THEY ARE NOT AT THIS TIME ARRANGING
FOR THE EVACUATION OF THOSE CHILDREN NOT IN CUSTODY OF
THE SEVEN MAJOR ADOPTION AGENCIES. UNDER THE ARRANGE-
MENTS MADE WITH THE AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE
UNITED STATES AND AID, THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM
HAS GIVEN AUTHORIZATION ONLY FOR THE EVACUATION OF 1,400
CHILDREN BEING HANDLED BY THOSE PARTICULAR AGENCIES.
THE UNFORTUNATE CRASH OF THE C-5 YESTERDAY, RESULT-
ING IN THE DEATH OF SO MANY CHILDREN, MAY MAKE THE
EXTENSION OF THE NUMBER ALREADY AUTHORIZED A HIGHLY
CHARGED POLITICAL ISSUE.

AS BEST AS WE CAN DETERMINE, SAIGON IS NOT IN
ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER OF ENEMY ATTACK NOR IS IT LIKELY
TO BE, AT LEAST IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

ALTHOUGH IF MRS. TISDALE CHOOSES TO COME AS
YOU HAVE INDICATED, LEAVING FOR SAIGON SUNDAY, 6
APRIL, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ASSIST HER.

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IT IS REALLY UNLIKELY THAT A VISIT COULD ACCOMPLISH

ANYTHING JUST AT THIS MOMENT. IT MIGHT, THEREFORE,
BE PREFERABLE IF SHE DELAYED HER VISIT FOR ANOTHER WEEK
OR SO UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO SEE WHETHER THE
CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN VOLUNTARY
AGENCIES, AID AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM COULD
BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE CHILDREN IN THE AN LOC
ORPHANAGE.

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT THIS
MESSAGE IS DELIVERED TO SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE OR DIRECTLY TO MRS.
TISDALE IMMEDIATELY IN VIEW OF HER PLANNED DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY,
6 APRIL. PERHAPS JACKLYN CAHILL IN ACTING SECRETARY'S OFFICE CAN
ASSIST IN LOCATING MRS. TISDALE.
MARTIN

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